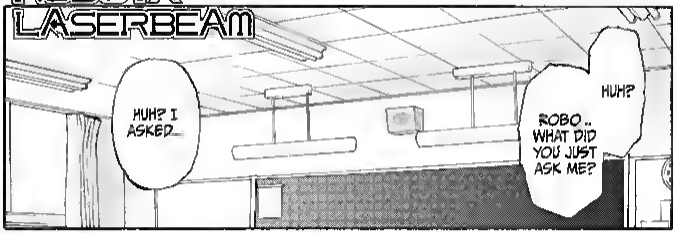


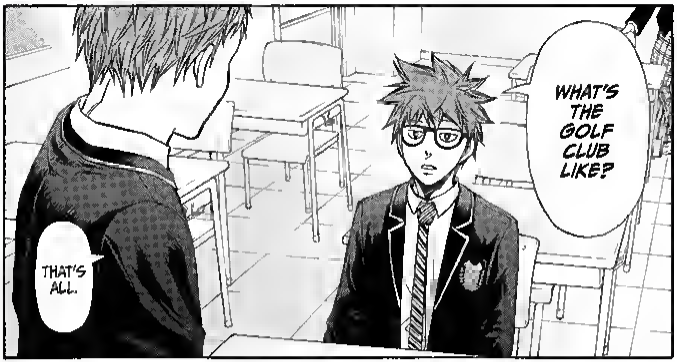


## Round 7: Joining the Club

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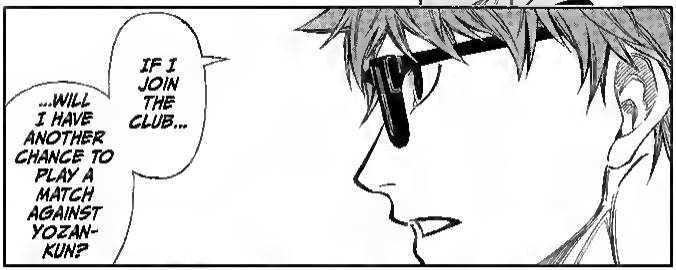
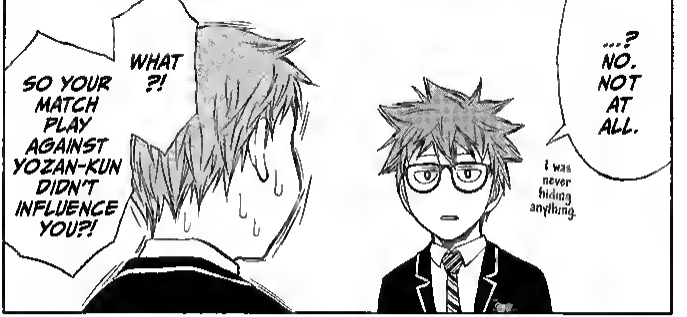
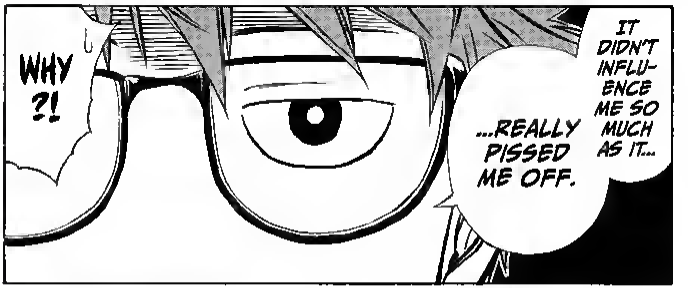
YOU'RE NOW INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GOLF CLUB, ROBO?!
ALL RIGHT! NOW THAT THAT'S DECIDED ...
NO I HAVE NOT YET MADE UP MY MIND ABOUT JOINING OR NOT.

I MEAN IT, TOMOYA. NOT SO FAST.
WELCOME TO THE GOLF CLUB
SIGN HERE
JOIN NOW TO GET 50% OFF!!
HUH?

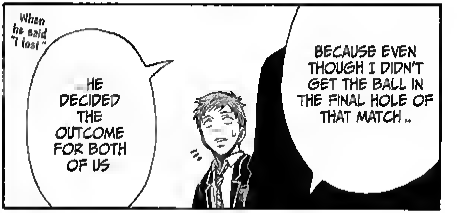

IF I JOIN THE CLUB...
...WILL I HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO PLAY A MATCH AGAINST YOZAN-KUN?

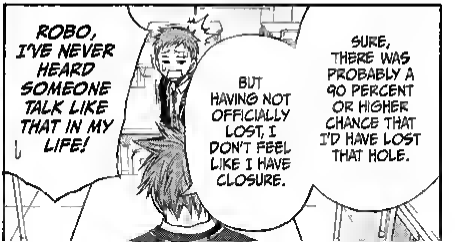
SMIRK
SO AT LONG LAST... KOBO'S HIDDEN COMPETITIVE STREAK HAS BEEN IGNITED!
THAT M.TCHPLAY IS WHAT INSPIRED HIM.
OH...I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.
HUH ...?


...? NO. NOT AT ALL.
I was never hiding anything.
WHAT ?!
SO YOUR MATCH PLAY AGAINST YOZAN-KUN DIDN'T INFLUENCE YOU?!


IT DIDN'T INFLU-ENCE ME SO MUCH AS IT...
...REALLY PISSED ME OFF.
WHY ?!

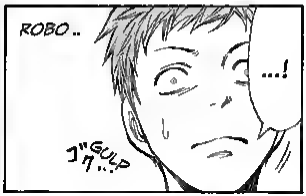
SO THAT MATCH AGAINST YOZAN-KUN ISN'T OVER YET.


When he said "I lost."
HE DECIDED THE OUTCOME FOR BOTH OF US
BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T GET THE BALL IN THE FINAL HOLE OF THAT MATCH..


ROBO, I'VE NEVER HEARD SOMEONE TALK LIKE THAT IN MY LIFE!
BUT HAVING NOT OFFICIALLY LOST, I DON'T FEEL LIKE I HAVE CLOSURE.
SURE, THERE WAS PROBABLY A 90 PERCENT OR HIGHER CHANCE THAT I'D HAVE LOST THAT HOLE.

I WANT TO SEE A CLEAR-CUT OUTCOME FOR IT.
I WANT TO SETTLE IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.
NO MATTER WHAT.

I GUESS, WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, EVEN HE CAN GET INTO IT.
. HAS NEVER BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT ANY GAME OR COMPETITION BEFORE


ROBO..
...!
GULP
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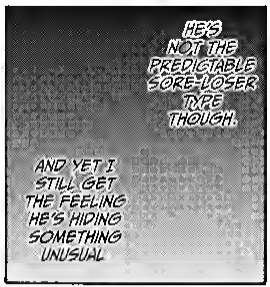
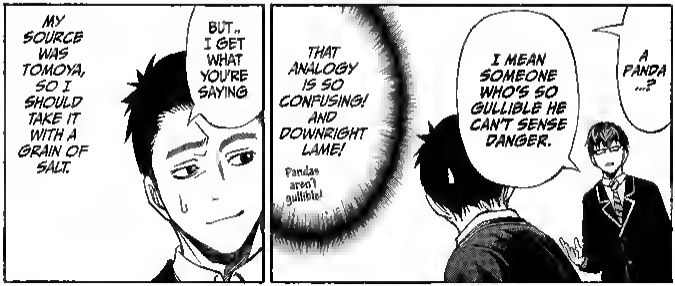
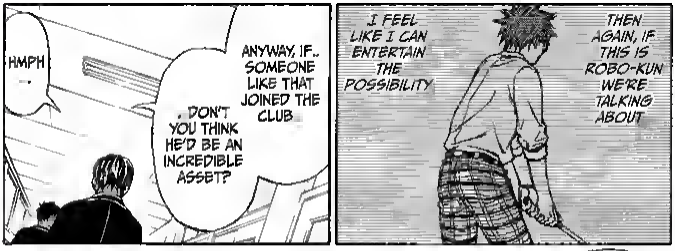
LET ME GET SERIOUS HERE FOR A MINUTE.
I THINK THERE'S ONE ANSWER TO THIS.

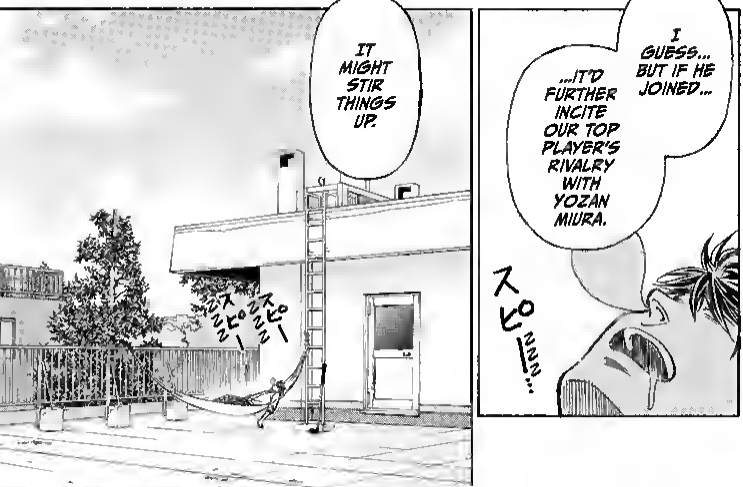

HE'S NOT THE PREDICTABLE SORE-LOSER TYPE THOUGH.
AND YET I STILL GET THE FEELING HE'S HIDING SOMETHING UNUSUAL

HURRY UP AND GET TO MY LEVEL
AND LET'S HAVE A REMATCH THEN.
. I DON'T THINK YOZAN-KUN WILL TAKE YOU UP ON A REMATCH ANY TIME SOON.
NO MATTER HOW DRIVEN YOU MAY BE TO CONTINUE WHAT YOU TWO STARTED...
PUTTING ASIDE MY OWN PERSONAL DESIRE TO HAVE YOU IN THE GOLF CLUB..
...IS WITH BOTH OF YOU AS GOLFERS IN AN OFFICIAL GAME.
I THINK THE ONLY WAY HE'D TAKE YOU UP ON IT...
...THEN YOU SHOULD JOIN THE GOLF CLUB AND START PLAYING IN TOURNA-MENTS.
...IF YOU REALLY WANT ANOTHER MATCH WITH YOZAN-KUN IN ORDER TO FIND CLOSURE...

YOU'RE SAYING YOZAN MIURA LOST TO A STUDENT FROM OUR SCHOOL WHO'S NOT EVEN IN THE GOLF CLUB?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
YOZAN'S AMAZING AND HE'S ALWAYS GETTING BETTER
EVEN OUR SCHOOL'S TOP GOLFER LOST TO HIM IN THE WINTER
YOU HEARD WHAT YOZAN SAID ON TV YESTERDAY? RIGHT?
A FIRST-YEAR TOLD ME THAT THE GUY YOZAN WAS TALKING ABOUT GOES HERE.
THERE'S NO WAY SUCH A KID EXISTS.
YOU SHOULDN'T BELIEVE EVERY JOKE THE YOUNGER GRADES TELL YOU, HIIRAGI.
DON'T BE SUCH A PANDA.


MY SOURCE WAS TOMOYA, SO I SHOULD TAKE IT WITH A GRAIN OF SALT.
BUT.. I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
THAT ANALOGY IS SO CONFUSING! AND DOWNRIGHT LAME!
Pandas aren't gullible!
I MEAN SOMEONE WHO'S SO GULLIBLE HE CAN'T SENSE DANGER.
A PANDA ...?


HMPH ...
. DON'T YOU THINK HE'D BE AN INCREDIBLE ASSET?
ANYWAY, IF.. SOMEONE LIKE THAT JOINED THE CLUB
I FEEL LIKE I CAN ENTERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY
THEN AGAIN, IF THIS IS ROBO-KUN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT


IT MIGHT STIR THINGS UP.
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I GUESS... BUT IF HE JOINED...
...IT'D FURTHER INCITE OUR TOP PLAYER'S RIVALRY WITH YOZAN MIURA.
スピー!!!...

POP
コン!
BONK
HWAH?!
トン
スゥ
KLATCH
THAT ..
HURT ..
WHOA! I DIDN'T REALIZE THE TIME!
I GUESS I OWE YOU FOR WAKING ME UP.
OH.
I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BE SLEEPING RIGHT THERE.
IT'S NOT GOOD TO SKIP CLASS.

I WON'T BE LATE TO MY CLUB PRACTICE NOW.
!!!
ARE YOU PERHAPS A MEMBER OF THE GOLF CLUB?
YEP
AND YOU? WHAT CLUB ARE YOU IN? WHY'RE YOU UP HERE?
I'M NOT PART OF ANY CLUB.
I MERELY WANTED TO DO SOME THINKING.
HMMM.
SCOOP

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HUH?
UM...IN THE GOLF CLUB, WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO PLAY IN TOURNAMENTS?

I SEE.

WE'VE GOT FOUR REGULARS FOR TEAM COMPETITIONS.
IF YOU CAN BEAT ANY ONE OF THEM, I GUESS THEY'D SWITCH SPOTS WITH YOU.

WAIT, ARE YOU A MEMBER ALREADY?
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU AROUND BEFORE
NO, YOU'RE MISTAKEN

HEH...

SURE, YOU'D BE ABLE TO.
IF YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH
IF I WERE TO JOIN, WOULD I BE ABLE TO PARTAKE IN A GAME?
OH! SO YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING?

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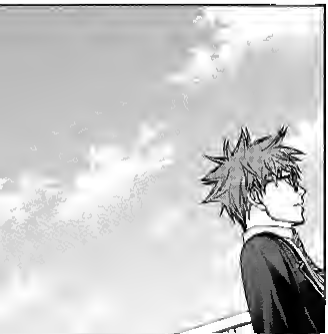
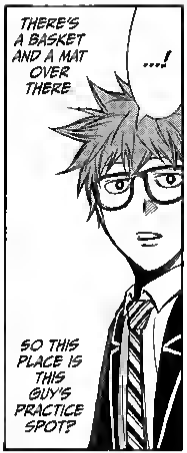
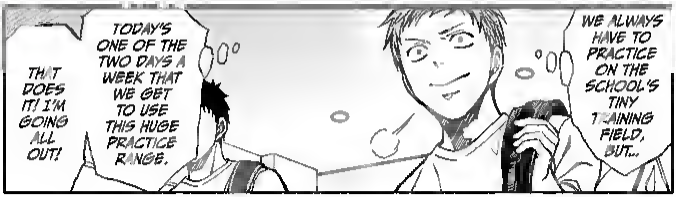


WE'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU.
ANY-WAY. COME ON BY WHEN-EVER YOU WANT.


...!
THERE'S A BASKET AND A MAT OVER THERE
SO THIS PLACE IS THIS GUY'S PRACTICE SPOT?

OF COURSE. HAVE A GOOD PRAC-TICE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US!
ALL BOW!


THAT DOES IT! I'M GOING ALL OUT!
TODAY'S ONE OF THE TWO DAYS A WEEK THAT WE GET TO USE THIS HUGE PRACTICE RANGE.
WE ALWAYS HAVE TO PRACTICE ON THE SCHOOL'S TINY TRAINING FIELD, BUT...

KLANK
KLANK
KLANK

YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR HEAD UP, TOMOYA.
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GOT OPEN SHOULDERS
FLIP
RUSH
FLOP
ME?
I'D SAY I AVERAGE AROUND 85.
MY BEST WAS 79.
WHOA! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
YOU DUMMY, IT'S NOTHING.
YEAH
TELL ME, SENPAI. WHAT KIND OF SCORES DO YOU TYPICALLY GET?
YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE YOU GET BELOW 100
YO!
HEY!
18-Hole Total Score (Strokes)
Beginner
110
100
Average
90
Intermediate
80
Advanced
70
Super Advanced
60
55
Lowest World Record Score
Prowess
VISUALIZE IT LIKE THIS.
AT 79, I'M STILL A WAYS OFF FROM THE REGULARS.
WHOA..
THEY'RE HERE!!

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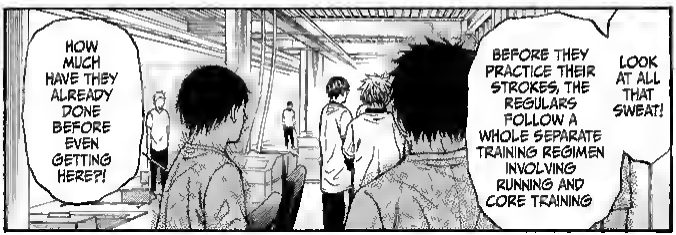
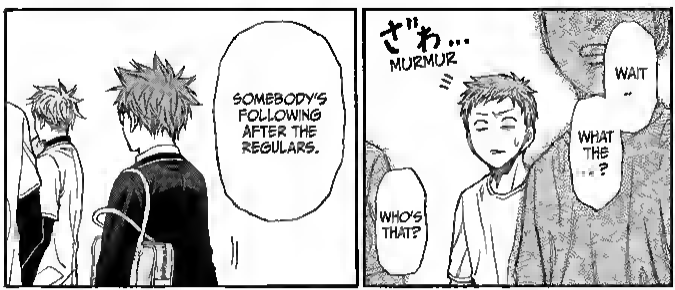
THE EIAI ACADEMY GOLF CLUB REGULARS!!

AAW, COME ON.
KEEP IT DOWN, GUYS.
Shintara Hiiragi
Eiai Academy Golf Club
3rd Year / Captain
Best Score: 68
I'M ALWAYS TELLING YOU, CAPTAIN. IF PEOPLE DON'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY, ORDER IN THE CLUB WILL FALL APART.
TAKE GREATER PRIDE IN YOURSELF.
DON'T BE AN ALPACA.
WHAT?
Gen Kurada
Eiai Academy Golf Club
3rd Year / Vice Captain
Best Score: 66
Rion Osanai
Eiai Academy Golf Club
2nd Year
Best Score: 70
GEN-SAN.
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS, BUT YOUR ANALOGIES ARE CRAP!

COME ON.
LET'S PRACTICE.
Sota Karasuma
Elai Academy Golf Club
2nd Year
Best Score: 62


HOW MUCH HAVE THEY ALREADY DONE BEFORE EVEN GETTING HERE?!
BEFORE THEY PRACTICE THEIR STROKES, THE REGULARS FOLLOW A WHOLE SEPARATE TRAINING REGIMEN INVOLVING RUNNING AND CORE TRAINING
LOOK AT ALL THAT SWEAT!


SOMEBODY'S FOLLOWING AFTER THE REGULARS.
さわ…
MURMUR
WAIT…
WHAT THE…?
WHO'S THAT?

EXCUSE ME.
I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE GOLF CLUB.
ROBO ?!
Why now of all times?!
HUH?
ROBO-KUN?!
You're that kid from before...!!
HEY!

WILL ONE OF YOU PLEASE PLAY AGAINST ME?
I'D LIKE TO BECOME A REGULAR AND ENTER A TOURNAMENT.
HMM ...?
WHAT ...?
HRM ...?
ROBO... WHAT THE...
...
...HECK ARE YOU SAYING?!
TO BE CONTINUED...